

Zion Lutheran Church
Sunday July 7, 2024 10:00 am
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost



Zion's Mission Statement

*As a body of believers, created by God, redeemed by
Christ, empowered by the Spirit, we are called to bear
witness to God's love.*

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Next Sunday, July 14, 2024

Amos 7:7-15

Psalm 85:8-13

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

Bill Buckley, a Lay Pastoral Associate, has been authorized by the Bishop of the Montana Synod to provide pastoral services in this congregation this Sunday.

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Introduction:

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the "between": between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

Announcements:

***Confession and Forgiveness**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,

there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, + the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
Amen.

***Gathering Hymn:** ELW Hymn #887 This Is My Song

***Apostolic Greeting:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***Kyrie:** Page 203 in the front of the hymnal

***Hymn of Praise:** Page 204 in the front of the hymnal

***Prayer of the Day:**

God of the covenant, **in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5 Pew Bible on page 792 in the Old Testament

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. ²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm 123

Our eyes look to you, O God, until you show us your mercy. (Ps. 123:2)

¹To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.

**²As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

**so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God,
until you show us your mercy.**

³Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
⁴**too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Pew Bible page 177 in the New Testament

Christians do not boast in their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Acclamation:** page 205 in the front of hymnal

The Holy Gospel is from Mark, the 6th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***Gospel: Mark 6:1-13** Pew Bible page 38 in the New Testament

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and

Jesus and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message: Bill Buckley, LPA

Hymn of the Day: ELW Hymn #717 Let Justice Flow Like Streams

***Apostles' Creed:** Page 105 in the front of the ELW

***Prayers of Intercession:** Our response to Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

***Sharing the Peace:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
Share the peace as you feel comfortable.

Offering Hymn: ELW Hymn #523 Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

Offering Prayer:

Jesus, Bread of life, **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

***Great Thanksgiving:**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Preface:**

***Holy, Holy, Holy:** Page 207 in the front of the ELW

***Words of Institution:**

***The Lord's Prayer:** Page 208 in the front of the ELW

***Invitation to Communion:** Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

Communion Hymn: ELW Page 208 Lamb of God

ELW Hymn #888 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

***Communion Blessing:**

***Prayer after Communion:**

Jesus, Bread of life, **we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.**

***Blessing:**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn:** ELW Hymn #890 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

***Dismissal:**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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We encourage you to sign the pew sheets when they are passed to you. The black folder is on the inside aisle. We use them for our record of communion, and numbers are reported the Synod office. They also alert us to visitors and new people attending, and you may use them to leave a message to the pastor.

Prayers of the People Colossians 4:2

“Continue earnestly in prayer being vigilant in it with Thanksgiving”

Prayers for all impacted by the Coronavirus, and for their caretakers.

Prayers of Peace for Our Nation

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Food Bank: There is always a need of nonperishable food such as peanut butter, cereals, mac and cheese, boxed mixes, canned fruit, veggies and soup. Also, sugar and flour. You can drop your donations directly at the Food Bank or into the shopping cart in the Narthex.

Used Furniture Room: HELP NEEDED. Saturday, July 20, open from 8am-2 pm. We need to clean out the room of old items. Help is needed carrying items outside at 8 a.m. and then at the end of the day (2 p.m.) help to haul to the dump. We need to clean the room as well. Big project! Many hands, light work! Thank you.

Hand Towels-Lutheran World Relief: ZLCW is collecting hand towels of any color for the ELCA layette and personal care kits. A box is in the narthex for the month of July for donations.

ELCA National Youth Gathering: Although we do not have any youth attending the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans July 16-20 this year, as a whole they are requesting prayers from the ELCA churches for the youth and the gathering. Please keep them in your prayers.

Makoshika Worship: Worship in Makoshika Park will continue through the last Sunday of August. In case of rain, we will have the service in the Chapel. When in doubt, check the board by the office door.

Women’s Encounter: Jesus My Rescuer Encounter 2024 Women’s Conference, sponsored by Circle Evangelical Church, Saturday July 13. To register visit www.firstlovewomen.com.

Youth Director: Youth and Education Committee has posted the position of part time Youth Director, 15-20 hours per month. Contact Megan Kubesh at 406-939-1006 for more information.

Live Streaming: Remember we have the live streaming of the Sunday 10 am service when you are out of town with vacation, sports, or other events. Please check it out.

Prayer Chain: Contact the church office at 406 377-3369 and leave a message or email churchlady@zionlutheran.us for prayer requests.

Up Coming Events:
July 13 Women’s Encounter in Circle
July 20th Clean Used Furniture Room
July 16-20 National Youth Gathering

Sunday July 7, 2024

8:00 a.m.

Makoshika Worship

10:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Scouts

Monday July 8, 2024

5:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes-Dan S & Sharon B

7:00 p.m. Scouts

Tuesday July 9, 2024

Wednesday July 10, 2024

10:00 a.m. Prayer Circle

6:00 p.m. Church Council

Thursday July 11, 2024

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study-YRI

6:00 p.m. Worship

Friday July 12, 2024

10:00 a.m. Visitation Grandview, Heritage & Extended Care

Saturday July 13, 2024

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Furniture Room-Avis

Sunday July 14, 2024

8:00 a.m. Makoshika Worship

10:00 a.m. Worship-Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Scouts